(c) to identify new assessees, surveys under section 133B of the Income-tax Act are regularly undertaken. Also a presumptive tax scheme under section 115-K of the Income-tax Act is in operation since Fin. Year 1992-93. The provisions relating to the tax deduction at source have been strengthened and are strictly implemented.

News-item regarding I G I Airport

*389. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention had been drawn to the report published in the Pioneer of April 3, 1995 under the caption "At IGI Airport, you are unattended baggage";

(b) if so, whether Government have ordered a probe into the report; if so, with what results: and

(c) what action has since been taken to improve the affairs?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir. Twenty two passengers were off-loaded from Flight No. AI-318 on 26th March, 1995 because of over-booking of passengers, which is the normal practice followed by all airlines. This had no connection with the cricket players who were travelling by other flights.

As regards prepaid taxi services there have been some complaints and the traffic police managing the service have been asked to look into them.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Air India has been asked to look into the problems of over-booking and avoid them as far as possible. The Airports Authority of India has also been asked to improve passenger amenities, including transport services, at the airports.

Financial Performance of I T D C

*390. SHRI HIPHEI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether I.T.D.C. has claimed highest-over financial performance during 1994-95;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to take some steps ensuring better financial performance of I.T.D.C. in furture; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Based on provisional data, ITDC registered the highest ever record profit (before tax) of Rs. 42.25 crores for the year 1994-95. This record performance is attributed *inter-alia* to achieving higher business turnover and economy in operating cost due to various external and internal factors like increase in business tourist traffic, improvement in product and services, better marketing strategy, cost control etc.

(c) and (d) In order to ensure better financial performance of ITDC during the year 1995-96 it is proposed to set a higher target of profit (before tax) over the previous year's target in the Memorandum of Understanding to be signed by ITDC with Govt.

Equity Holding of ICICI Securities in ITC LTD

*931. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the equity holding of ICICI Securities in ITC Limited;

(b) what is the face value of such a holding;

(c) what is the present market value;

(d) whether there is a proposal to divest such holdings to generate funds for new investments; and

(e) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) ICICI Securities and Finance Company Limited has reported that it does not hold any equity shares of ITC Ltd.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Assessment of Wealth Tax

*392. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total number of wealth tax assessments during the last three years;

(b) how many cases are pending for disposal;

(c) what is being done to streamline wealth tax assessments; and

(d) what steps are being taken to prevent wealth tax avoidance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) No of wealth tax assessments made and pending for disposal in the last three years are as under:

Provisional figures in thousands

Financial Year	Assessments disposed	Pending for disposal
1991-92	687	321
1992-93	658	342
1993-94	435	376

(c) A new scheme of leavy of wealth tax has been adopted from the assessment year 1993-94 and its levy has been restricted to only some unproductive assets. Rules for valuation of various assets have also been made part of the wealth tax Act to facilitate making of wealth tax assessments. Besic exemption limit for wealth tax has also been raised to Rs. 5 lacs.

(d) Appropriate steps as permissible by law are taken in cases where any evasion or avoidance of wealth tax is noticed.

मध्य प्रदेश में सिरौंज और बुधनी में दूरदर्शन के ट्रांसमीटर

*393. श्री राघवजी : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश के विदिशा जिले के सिरौंज और सिहोर जिले के बुधनी मे दूरदर्शन के प्रस्तावित ट्रांसमीटर वास्तव में स्थापित कर दिये गये हैं और उन्होंने कार्य आरम्भ कर दिया है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ख) इन ट्रांसमीटरों के कब तक कार्य आरम्भ करने की संभावना है ?